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#### Foreigners Said to

be Yet Unharmed.

Latest News From China Causes More Hopeful Feeling in Washington.

Washington, July 17 -The Chi nese minister has received a die patch from the minister at London. authenticated by Sheng, the imperial inspector of posts and telegraphs at Shanghai, and by two viceroys. declaring that the foreigners at Pekin were safe on July 9 and were receiv ing the protection of the government This is two days after the reported

massacre. Minister Wu laid the

message before Secretary Hay The

text of the dispatch is as follows: "The utmost efforts have been made to protect foreign ministers who were well on the 13th (Chinese calendar corresponding to our July 9) If Tien Tein city should be des troyed it would be difficult to restore the same in 100 years Request the powers to preserve it, as the consequences would affect Chinese and foreign commerce. Earl Li Hung Chang is transferred to north China as viceroy to Chili Please transmit this dispatch to the ministers at other

capitale " This dispatch, which is dated July 16 was signed by Viceroys Liu Kun and the allies took possession of the from a reliable source that the Chinese and has plunged into the conflict with Yi and Chang Chih Tung of Nanking native city and its defeases The total troops and the Boxers seized a Russian rabid frenzy. It is equally futile to by Sheng, director of posts and tele

In accordance with the request

| public, but minister Wu fears that | captured eight guns that were in posifectly authentic

MINISTER WU WELL PLEASED

factory turn of events. The minister experienced the Chinese fled expressed complete confidence in the accuracy of the message When a bystander expressed some doubt on this subject, Mr Wu inquied with tome warmth :

"Why is it you believe the exaggerated reports coming from un known sources and yet you choose to doubt this report signed by our highest officials and containing inherent evidence of accuracy?"

The minister went on to show that this dispatch contained three distinct statements one of which, the appoint ment of Li Hung Chang as viceroy of Chili, had been confirmed by the State department. Moreover, he said, all three statements bore evidence of having originated at Pekin, including that as to Li Hung Chang. whose appointment of Earl Li viceroy of Chili is considered by Minister Wu as one of the most important developments in the entire situation

Chili is in the great province in which Pekin is located and is the very heart of the Boxer movement, so that the great viceroy now assomes supreme power at the point of greatest danger.

Li Hung Chang will replace as vicercy of the great province of Chili a man who has been notorious ly anti foreign in his sentiments and of the province of Shan Si, 40 foreign-

#### All the Forts Captured.

London, July 17 -The Daily Mail today gives the Associated Press the fo lowing dispatch from its Shanghai St Petersburg, dated Monday, which correspondent under date of July 17:

upon the Chinese walled city of Tien Tsin on the morning of July 14 and respondent, "is restricted to the publisucceeded in breaching the walls and cation of official details and the publicacapturing all the forts

The guns of the allies did immense

damage to the native city, causing bombarded the town of Blagovechenek, pating the Pekin government is promptcontained in the cablegram, Minister many large conflagrations and finally capital of the Amur government, on the ly forthcoming the powers should treat Wu saked Secretary Hay to agree silenced the majority of the enemy's Amur river. The garrison held out China as a belligerent state and act with the other powers to preserve game simultaneously. Then 1,500 bravely but was finally overwhelmed accordingly " Tien Tein from destruction. The Russians assisted by small parties of Nearly all perished and the town was secretary's answer was not made Germans and French, assented and burned.

the destruction already has occurred. tion on the railway embankment and He regards the cablegram as per- the fort, the magazine of which the French subsequently blew up. A body of American, British, Japanese to Secretary Hay at Washingson by the other powers to follow Germany's four, the first of which is to operate and Austrian troops then made a sortie Minister Wu has been delivered to it Minister Wu received the dispatch and attacked the west arsenal, which by the Chinese minister here which about 11 o'clock this morning and the Chinese had recocupied. After was sent by Sheng, the administrator was greatly pleased with this satis three bours of the hardest fighting yet

> When the arsenal had been evacuated by the Chinese, the Americans, French, Japanese and Welsh Fusiliers advanced toward the native city and according to the Gregorian reckoning. joined with the other attacking forces. The Japanese infantry and a mounted battery advanced to the foot of the walls, supported by the Americans and French. Despite valiant attacks, the allies were only able to hold the positions gained outside the walls preparatory to renewing the assault in the

The casualties sustained by the allies were exceedingly heavy, especially those to the Americans, French and Japanese. Several explosions in the native city were caused by the bombard

The Chinese appear to have exhausted their supply of smokeless powder, as they are now using black pow-

#### Reported Massacre of For eigners and Native Converts.

London, July 18 -According to a dispatch from Shanghai to The Daily Mail dated yesterday, a massacre occurred on July 9 at Tai Yuen Fu, capital ers and 100 native converts being war. Such a step would be greatly

#### HAS CHINA DECLARED WAR?

London, July 18 -The Daily Mail publishes a sensational dispatch from asserts that there is no doubt that The allied thoops resumed the attack | China has declared war sgainet Russia

"The Russian press," says the cortion of many dispatches from the front The Chinese were completely routed has been prohibited. I hear, however,

SENT TO LONDON ALSO.

London, July 17 .- The foreign office informs The Associated Press that a telegram identical with the one handed Chinese legation in Berlin and all urge of telegraphs at Shanghai. The foreign office points out, however, that the date (July 9), mentioned in the telegram probably applies to the Chinese calendar and is equivalent to July 5

LEGATION STILL STANDING. London, July 17 .- Wm Pritchard Morgan, member of parliament, today received by cable positive assurances from a source upon which he relies, that the British 'egation at Pekin was still standing July 9 and also that Li Hung Chang left Canton this morning to take supreme command at Pekin.

#### Harmony Among Allies is Needed For Resistance.

London, July 19, 4 a. m .- While evidences accumulate daily that Chica has long been preparing a formidable military organization in anticipation of the present conflict, and that the area of rebellion is continually extending, barmony among the allies, which is necessary to meet such a grave situation, is still deplorably lacking. The Russians have refused Admiral Seymour's request to hand over the restored Taku Tien Tein ralway to the interview with the governor of Hong English company, and it is rumored kong that Germany purposes taking a serious independent step, namely, to patrol the Yang Tee Kiang with German men of resented by England.

Still more alarming news has been conveyed to The Daily Express from Tokio to the effect that the apparent reluctance of Germany and Russian to consent to a Japanese commander for the army corps has led the Japanese government to delay the forwarding of the division already mobilized.

The Standard in an alarmists editorial says : "It is useless any longer to hide from ourselves the fact that China

losses of the allies in the engagements transport vessel laden with munitions discuss whether hostilities are being be pro foreign in his ideas and his in of Thursday, Friday and Saturday near Aigun, on the Amur river, about waged by the Chinese government, fluence in Chinese affairs up to a regraphe at Shanghai. It was address were about 800 killed and wounded. 18 miles from the Russian frontier, inasmuch as it is evident that an admin- cent period has been paramount. ed to the Chinese minister in London, The casualties were greatest among the killing almost the entire Russian istration of some kind exists and is Minister Wu is hopeful that the news "They next suddenly attacked and Unless unmistakable evidence excul the well known influence of Prince

applaud the course of Count von Bue- divided into different corps. The low, the German foreign secretary, in stopping cipher telegrams from the expel foreigners from Amur.

The Russian general staff denies the reports that the Chinese have captured Knan, the second is to concentrate at Blagovetchensk, capital of the province of Amur, and it is reported from from whence a column numbering Irkutsk that the Russians have taken

A special dispatch from Tien Tsip distributes the number of those killed at the eapture of the native city as

Russians, 100; Japanese,

British, 40, and Americans, 37. The correspondent who sends this asserts that thousands of Chinese were killed and that fighting was still going on, when this dispatch was sent, in various parts of Tien Tsin.

With reference to the rumors that Europeans were seen working the Chinese guns in Tien Tsin, The Stand ard learns that eight Russian military instructors forcibly detained by the Chinese, were compelled to work the guns. One escaped and reached the Russian lines with his hands bound.

#### FOREIGNERS SAFE IN CHING'S PALACE.

Brussels, July 18 -The Belgian consul at Hongkong telegraphe that Li Hung Chang passed through that city today on his way north. Before his departure the viceroy had a long

The secretary of the legation at Shanghai telegraphs today that according to Chinese information, the foreigners in Pekin have taken refuge in the palace of Prince Ching.

#### THE STORY DISCREDITED

Washington, July 18 -Adminis tration officials and others in Wash ington are suspicious of the statements contained in the Brussels dis patch saying that the members of the legations at Pekin were in Prince Ching's palace. They hope it is ac curate, but they are disposed to accept it, like much other information coming through Chinese sources, with a market degree of reservation. If correct, it is a cause for congratu-

directing the anti-foreign movement. is accurate, placing his reliance on Ching in Chinese affairs

#### NEARLY A MILLION.

St Petersburg. July 18 .- A dis A similar line of comment is taken patch from Chefoo says: Prince

northern corps has been ordered to

against Mukden and occupy the roads between Pekin and Shan Hai Tien Tein and the third at Pekin, 40,000 will be sent to Wei Hai Wei and Tsin Tau while the fourth crops will concentrate at Nankin. Thers are now 23,000 Japanese troops in

The Chinese fleet is concentrating in the China sea and hostilities are

A dispatch from Nankin announces that Prince Tuan has ordered a great military movement owing to the appearance of the Japanese in China. The viceroy of Nankin has informed the foreign consuls there that he cannot be answerable for events in Chao Sin, Ning Po and Chu Chau. The foreigners are fleeing to Shanghai.

#### MORE OF THE BATTLE.

Tien Tsin, July 13, 7 p m., via Chefoo, July 16 and Shanghai, July 18 .- The battle which was begun with the attack by 7,000 of the allied forces upon the walls of the native city at 2 o'clock this aftern on, continued all day, two battalions of the Ninth Infantry participating. It is reported that 215 of this command were killed or wounded, including ten or fifteen officers. Col E H. Liscum was killed and Majs. Jesse M. Lee and James Reagan Capts. Chas E. Noves. Andrew Breweter and Edwin V. Bookmiller and First Lieuts Wm. K. Naylor, Louis B. Lawton, Harold Hammond and Ira C. Waldron were wounded.

Among the United States marines the casualties numbered 40. Capt. Austin R Davis was killed and Capt. Wm. B. Lemly and First Lieut. Henry Leonard and Smedley D. Butler were wounded.

The American contingent after lying in shallow and hastily dug trenches, full of water, facing the south wall of the city and saffering for want of water and food, besides being short of ammunition, were ordered by Gen.

The Russians were outside the east wall, while the Japanese, British and French were close to the west wall, with the Chinese trying to dank them. The walls were sadly battered by shells. The attack will be recewed

Dorward to retire under cover of dark-

The total losses of the allied forces are estimated at 800

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